

**HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES  
October 5, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Okie Allen, HIS; Edward W. Korabic, PhD; Alma Peters, MS, MBA (connected via telephone); Marilyn S. Worker, PhD; Peter J. Zellmer, AuD; Bruce Baier, Consumer Representative (connected via telephone)

**EXCUSED:** Thomas Fisher, AuD; Terrence Greenleaf, HIS; David Friedland, MD

**STAFF:** Tom Ryan, Bureau Director; Ruby Jefferson-Moore, Legal Counsel; Rebecca McAtee, Minute Taker; and DRL Staff

**GUESTS:** Doug Johnson, WAHP; Joe & Arlene Hulwi, WAHP; Laura Feldhake, WSHAP; Scott Chase, WAHP

**CALL TO ORDER**

Okie Allen, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum of six (6) members was present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Amendments:**

- Amendment to the original Cost Order under Item F

**MOTION:** Ed Korabic moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2009**

**MOTION:** Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Marilyn Worker, to approve the minutes of July 13, 2009 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Tom Ryan discussed the practice question procedure compiled by the summer interns and how it will fit into the overall website redesign. Board Chair and Vice Chair training will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. This training is for the incoming officers for 2010. Proposed Board meeting dates for 2010 are January 25, April 26, July 12, and October 4.

**MOTION:** Marilyn Workinger moved, seconded by Alma Peters, to approve the 2010 Hearing and Speech Examining Board meeting dates as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Ruby Jefferson-Moore announced that she will be retiring from the Department of Regulation and Licensing as of November 20, 2009.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR 2010**

**MOTION:** Ed Korabic moved, seconded by Alma Peters, to nominate Marilyn Workinger as Board Chair. Marilyn Workinger was elected by roll-call vote.

**MOTION:** Marilyn Workinger moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to nominate Okie Allen as Vice Chair. Okie Allen was elected by unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Alma Peters moved, seconded by Marilyn Workinger, to nominate Ed Korabic as Secretary. Ed Korabic was elected by unanimous vote.

| <b>2010 ELECTION RESULTS</b> |                   |
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| Board Chair                  | Marilyn Workinger |
| Vice Chair                   | Okie Allen        |
| Secretary                    | Ed Korabic        |

### **BOARD ASSIGNMENTS**

The Board Chair maintained the Board assignments for 2010 with the exception of Legislative Liaison who will now be Marilyn Workinger.

The remainder of the Board assignments for 2010 are as follows:

Credentialing Liaisons: Ed Korabic, Marilyn Workinger, Okie Allen, Tom Fisher, Alma Peters

Screening Panel: Marilyn Workinger, Peter Zellmer, Bruce Baier, Ed Korabic and Alma Peters

Enforcement Monitoring Liaison: Alma Peters

Digest Advisor: Marilyn Workinger

FAQ Advisor: Marilyn Workinger

Exam Liaison: Okie Allen

IPP Liaison: Alma Peters

Practice Question Procedure: Credentialing Liaisons and Legal Counsel

CE Liaison: Okie Allen

**REPORT FROM NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF EXAMINERS FOR  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE – SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2009 – NEW ORLEANS, LA – MARILYN  
WORKINGER**

Marilyn Workinger reported on the NCSB annual conference held in New Orleans. Three topics of importance were discussed: telehealth and related issues, licensing of international graduates, and ethics. ASHA defines telepractice as the application of telecommunications technology to deliver professional services at a distance by linking clinician to client or clinician to clinician for assessment, intervention or consultation. The conference provided a review of the research on telepractice as a way to provide services to underserved areas and specialized services generally. In terms of regulation, there is a need to deal with licensure for out-of-state providers. Telepractice must meet all the conditions of practice as outlined in state statutes currently. NCSB has put together sample rule language.

International graduate issues discussed were equivalency of education, translation of transcripts, dealing with the INS, and intelligibility (ETS has an assessment tool for this).

Ethics was the last major topic. Currently only Texas requires ethics as a part of continuing education. One of the major barriers to ethics as a part of CE is that not many courses are currently being offered.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION ETHICS REQUIREMENTS IN PROFESSIONS  
REGULATED BY DRL**

Doug Johnson, Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals (WAHP), addressed the Board on the subject of a continuing education requirement for ethics. The Board discussed how to define ethics within the context of continuing education. The Board decided to not restrict credits for ethics by topic.

**MOTION:** Ed Korabic moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to amend the rules for the professions regulated by the Hearing and Speech Examining Board to require two (2) hours in ethics out of the twenty (20) hours required for continuing education. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ACTION RELATING TO PROPOSED  
REVISIONS TO WIS. STATS., CH. 459 (LRB-2757/P1)**

Laura Feldhake, Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Professional Association (WSHA-P), presented information to the Board regarding LRB-2757. The bill is currently being circulated in the Senate and the Assembly until October 16<sup>th</sup> when it will be read and referred to Committee. There have been no changes to the bill from the last time it was presented to the Board.

**LRB-3125/P1, RELATING TO ELIMINATION OF THE COUNCIL ON SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY AND CHANGING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS – BOARD REVIEW**

**MOTION:** Alma Peters moved, seconded by Marilyn Workinger, to go on record in favor of the draft of LRB-3125/P1 relating to elimination of the Council on Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and changing licensing requirements for audiologists. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRACTICE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY – PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CH. INS 3 BY THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**

The Board discussed the proposed rule regarding treatment of autism and how the proposal may affect the profession. Laura Feldhake joined the conversation to discuss WSHA-P's role in the process. The law deals with reimbursement for diagnostic and therapeutic services for children with autism.

**MOTION:** Marilyn Workinger moved, seconded by Ed Korabic, to go on record in opposition to the proposed rule changes to Wis. Admin. Code Ch. INS 3. The Board specifically has issue with the bill in that it sets a precedent for requiring additional training beyond the existing license requirements to treat the disorders identified in the draft, it does not provide a definition of supervision or of acceptable coursework, it omits providers who are already supplying services to autistic children (e.g. neuropsychologists, pediatricians, developmental pediatricians), and it does not provide a means for enforcement. Motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Marilyn Workinger, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (a)); consider closing disciplinary investigation(s) with administrative warning(s) (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (b) and Wis. Stat. § 440.205); consider individual histories or disciplinary data (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (f)) and to confer with legal counsel (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (g)). Motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote. Okie Allen-yes; Edward Korabic-yes; Alma Peters-yes; Bruce Baier-yes; Marilyn Workinger-yes; and Peter Zellmer-yes.

Open session recessed at 2:43 p.m.

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Alma Peters, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 3:03 p.m.

## **VOTING ON ITEMS DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION**

### **ORDER FIXING COSTS SCOTT C. CHASE**

**MOTION:** Ed Korabic moved, seconded by Marilyn Workinger, to adopt the amended order fixing costs in the matter regarding Scott C. Chase. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Chase was present and notified of the cost amendment of \$42.17 during closed session

### **06 HAD 004**

**MOTION:** Ed Korabic moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to close case # 06 HAD 004 for insufficient evidence. Motion carried unanimously.

### **08 HAD 010**

**MOTION:** Ed Korabic moved, seconded by Marilyn Workinger, to close case # 08 HAD 010 for no violation. Motion carried unanimously.

## **RATIFICATION OF EXAMINATION SCORES**

**MOTION:** Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Alma Peters, to ratify the scores from the October 5, 2009 examination. Motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Marilyn Workinger moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.